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To: Phillips, Jeanie

Subject: Bill No. 6390 Access to PostSecondary Education

Jeanie,

As a resident of Connecticut and a taxpayer, I am opposed to the proposed changes to Bill No. 6390 that make illegal aliens eligible for in-state tuition rates. I understand that illegal aliens are allowed to attend public colleges but it is an entirely different matter to provide such a substantial discount that is going to be an additional burden on taxpayers in this state. In good times it would be questionable; in these difficult economic times, it is irresponsible and reckless. We already know that Connecticut is facing a \$3.2 billion deficit in the next fiscal year and the governor has proposed cuts of \$143.5 million over two years for state colleges and universities. As residents of this state, with a daughter currently at Southern Connecticut State University, my wife and I understand that some belt tightening will be required, but handing out such "freebies" to illegals is insulting. In particular, when family members from other states can not get the same benefit, there is something terribly wrong with this picture.

I am looking forward to attending the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 15th at 11:00 a.m. in Room 1E of the legislative office building. Please let me know if there are any changes to this schedule.

Thank you,

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